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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1572 - RECORDERS

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1572/8

B. COCOM DOC DEF (74) 1572/1.10

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SUMMARY: NO DECISIONS ON IL 1572 REACHED IN THIRD ROUND. FOR FULL REPORT RECORD OF DISCUSSION SHOULD BE REVIEWED. ON US PROPOSAL (REF A), GERMANY INDICATED THAT UNDER THIS FORMULATION THEY WOULD STILL REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL LICENSING. NO RESOLUTION ON PROPOSAL. DELEGATES DISAPPOINTED US HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED A COUNTERPROPOSAL ON MAGNETIC TAPE. USDEL PROMISED TO TABLE A PROPOSAL BY SEPTEMBER 1 IN TIME FOR REVIEW BEFORE FOURTH ROUND. THERE STILL ARE PROBLEMS IN RESOLVING SUBITEM (A)(5), NOTE 1 AND FLOPPY DISC AE NOTE. UK OFFERED COMPROMISE USING VALIDITY NOTE ON FLOPPY DISCS. US CHGD ACCEPTANCE OF NOTE A (B)(I) TO AD REF AND RECEIVED MILD TONGUE LASHING. WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT STILL NOT SETTLED. FRANCE WILL ONLY ACCEPT WITH VALIDITY NOTE. ACTION REQUESTED: AS IN PARA 11. END SUMMARY.

1. US COUNTER PROPOSAL (REF A) TO GERMAN AND NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL TABLED ON JUNE 25 AD REF. DISCUSSION
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POSTPONED TO AFTERNOON TO GIVE DELS TIME TO STUDY. US

TABLED QUESTIONS ON GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR PULSE RECORDERS (NEW SUBITEMS (A)(4)). GERMAN DEL SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET ANSWERS IN TIME FOR FOURTH ROUND.

2. ON SUBITEM (B), JAPAN CIRCULATED A NEW TABLE (BEING POUCHED) TO CLARIFY THE BROCHURES PROVIDED IN SECOND ROUND. ALSO, THEY PROVIDED US ANOTHER BROCHURE (BEING POUCHED) ON RECORDING EQUIPMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE. JAPANESE DEL STATED THAT EQUIPMENT THEY WANTED TO RELEASE WAS COMPARABLE TO TV DISC RECORDING EQUIPMENT, NOT MORE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT LIKE 3MEBR100. TO CLARIFY PROPOSAL THEY STATED THEY ONLY WANTED TO RELEASE RECORDING EQUIPMENT; THE PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT WAS NOT EMBARGOED. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION FRANCE, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND UK COULD AGREE AD REF TO PROPOSAL, US RESERVED FOR STUDY.

3. ON GERMAN PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE TAPE USED IN PAPER CUTTING INDUSTRY, US REPEATED QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY PUT AND GERMAN DEL SAID HE DID NOT HAVE ANSWERS BUT WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET THEM. NO NEW POSITIONS GIVEN ON PROPOSAL.

4. ON NOTE 1, US EXPERT RECOUNTED HIS ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP MAGNETIC TAPE SPECIFICATIONS FOR A COUNTER PROPOSAL. OTHER DELS DISAPPOINTED THAT IT WAS NOT READY. US PROMISED THAT IT WOULD HAVE TAPE PROPOSAL BY SEPTEMBER 1, IN TIME TO STUDY BEFORE THE FOURTH ROUND. AFTER MEETING, ITALIAN TECHNICIAN (A 3M REP) INDICATED THAT THEIR MAJOR CONCERN WAS TO GET 6250 BPI COMPUTER TAPE UNDER AN AE NOTE.

5. ON DELETION OF EXCLUSION CLAUSE IN NOTE 1, FRANCE RESERVED UNTIL (A)(5) RESOLVED AND BELGIUM RESERVED UNTIL FLOPPY DISC ISSUE RESOLVED. US MAINTAINED AD REFS ON (A)(5) UNTIL NOTE 1 AND FLOPPY DISC ISSUE RESOLVED. SINCE US WAS NOT ABLE TO PROPOSE NEW AE NOTE ON FLOPPY DISCS, DISCUSSION ON (A)(5) AND NOTE 1 DROPPED.

6. ON FLOPPY DISC ISSUE, FRANCE PROPOSED FOLLOWING:
"DISCS HAVING A DIAMETER OF 8 INCHES OR LESS USED IN RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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CORDING AND REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT ARE NOT COVERED BY SUBITEM (D). NOTHING IN THIS NOTE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS SANCTIONING THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR RECORDING MEDIA." US RESERVED AND GERMANY AGREED. UK THEN PROPOSED COMPROMISE TO ACCEPT US PROPOSAL WITH ONE OR TWO YEAR VALIDITY NOTE. US TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION BECAUSE IF VALIDITY NOTE WERE TERMINATED, FLOPPY DISCS WOULD BE UNEMBARGOED. UK ASKED IF US HAD CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVE

(NO CONTROL AT ALL). UK HOWEVER IN AGREEMENT THAT THEY

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SHOULD BE EMBARGOED. ON UK PROPOSAL, THE NETHERLANDS AGREED, GERMANY AGREED ON HEADING AND (A) AND RESERVED ON (6), AND FRANCE COULD NOT GO BEYOND THEIR PROPOSAL.

7. BILATERALLY, UK TOLD US TECHNICIAN THAT VALIDITY NOTE MIGHT BE ONLY WAY TO GET SOME CONTROL, THAT SUCH NOTES WERE FACE SAVING GESTURES AND HAVE NEVER BEEN TERMINATED, AND THAT FRANCE APPEARED READY TO ACCEPT IF US HAD ACCEPTED. US INDICATED THAT NIT-PICKING ON EMBARGO STATUS OF FLOPPY DISKS COULD RESULT IN US RELUCTANCE TO RELAX ON TAPES, OR US PROPOSAL TO TIE TAPE RELAXATIONS TO VALIDITY NOTE TO COUNTER ONE ON FLOPPY DISCS.

8. ON NOTE 2 (B)(I), US TOOK AD REF POSITION AND THE CHAIRMAN, JAPAN, AND UK MILDLY TOOK US TO TASK FOR RETRACTING AGREEMENT. THEY HOPED US WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AMONG AGENCIES AND ACCEPT CHANGES.

9. ON REF A, GERMANY AND FRANCE INDICATED THAT THEY HAD LICENSING PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSAL. GERMAN DEL INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NO G-DEST LICENSE SO ALL EXPORTS WOULD HAVE TO BE INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED REGARD-

LESS OF WORDING. FRANCE ASKED IF SUB-PARAGRAPH (D)(1)
(III) INCLUDED WEIGHT OF POWER SUPPLY AND INDICATED SOME
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (SUB-PARAGRAPH (D)(2)) DID NOT HAVE
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SERVO SPEED CONTROLS. JAPAN RESERVED FOR STUDY AND
MAINTAINED SUPPORT OF SUBITEMS (A)(2) AND (3). THE
NETHERLANDS COULD NOT GIVE POSITION. UK RESERVED FOR
STUDY BUT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH CONCEPT.

10. ON WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT
PROPOSAL (REF B, PARA 53), JAPAN COULD ACCEPT. GERMANY
SAID AE TREATMENT FOR TAPE DID NOT SOLVE THEIR
ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND ASKED IF US COULD ACCEPT AN
EXCLUSION (REF B, PARA 46). US SAID NO BECAUSE OF RELA-
TION TO OTHER TAPE DISCUSSIONS. FRANCE COULD ACCEPT WITH
A VALIDITY NOTE FOR ONE YEAR SINCE THEY THOUGHT ITEM
WAS NOT EMBARGOED. LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED WITH US TECH-
NICIAN ON EMBARGO STATUS.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: REVIEW OF RECORD OF DISCUSSION TO
PREPARE FINAL POSITIONS FOR FOURTH ROUND. ALSO NECESSARY
TO DEVELOP POSITION ON TAPES AND FLOPPY DISCS BY SEP-
TEMBER 1 SO THAT OTHER DELS HAVE TIME TO STUDY PRIOR TO
FOURTH ROUND. OTHERWISE, THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A
"FIFTH"ROUND.
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